"Upon the whole, we have come to the conclusion that the objections urged in Bombay against the application of the Act to prime-movers are so forcible as to render it advisable that the present bill should be restricted in its immediate operation to boilers, but that, at the same time, circumstances may occasionally require the extension of the law to prime-movers also.

"We have given effect to our opinion in the amended bill which provides for the inspection of boilers only in the first place, but which contains a provision (section 24) for the extension to prime-movers by notification issued by Government".

The next point I wish to mention is about clause (4) of section 1 which excludes from the operation of the Bill "any boiler or prime-mover in any steam-vessel". It has been suggested that this exemption may be removed as the main object of our Bill is to safe-guard the steam-boat service in North Travancore. The exemption occurs in the British Act because in British India they have separate enactments regarding steam-vessels and steam-ships *viz.*, the Inland Steam-vessels Act VI of 1884, the Indian Steam-ships Act VII of 1884, and Native Passenger Ships Act X of 1887. These enactments are mainly intended for river steamers and other large craft and contain elaborate provisions and impose various restrictions which it is hardly necessary to introduce in this country at present. The omission of the words quoted above would bring under the operation of the Bill the boilers used in our steam-boats and this would meet the actual requirements here. This amendment as well as a few other minor amendments introduced by Madras Act I of 1904 are best considered in the Select Committee stage. I will not trouble the Council with any further remarks. I beg to move that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Rama Iyer.

The Council having affirmed the principle of the Bill, Mr. Mahadeva Iyer proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Kesava Pillai, Vieyra, John and the Mover, to report within three months.

Seconded by Mr. Rama Iyer.

Carried.

PLANTERS LABOUR BILL.

Mr. Kesava Pillai.—On behalf of the member in charge of the Bill, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Planters Labour Bill and move that the Report and the amended Bill be published in the Gazette and the consideration of the Bill taken up at the next meeting. I may observe that there are two minutes of dissent which also are attached to the Report.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 5-30 P. M.

T. RAJARAM ROW,

President.

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